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"Process for producing xanthohumol present in hops and xanthohumol-rich hop extract obtainable thereby"

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Abstract

A process is specified by which the xanthohumol present 10 in hops can be isolated in high yield in an economical manner. In the process an ethanol pure resin extract is first extracted with a liquid or supercritical solvent in which the xanthohumol is insoluble and the resultant extraction residue is first washed with a first solvent 15 mixture and then the extraction residue which has been washed with the first solvent mixture is, removing the first solvent mixture, extracted with a second solvent mixture, the first solvent mixture having a higher polarity than the second solvent mixture. The hop extract produced from the second 20 solvent mixture has a xanthohumol content of at least 85% by weight.